

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Tuesday, July 5, 2011, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis R. Phillips

Alderman Valerie Joh

(arrived shortly after roll call)

Vice-Mayor Benjamin K. Mallicote

Alderman Mike McIntire

Alderman Tom C. Parham

Alderman Tom Segelhorst

Alderman Jantry Shupe

(arrived late at 5:05 p.m.)

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

Lisa Winkle, Deputy City Recorder/Comptroller

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:33 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall.

Before discussing the work session tickler, Mayor Phillips addressed the issue of fireworks in the City, noting the Board had received numerous phone calls and emails complaining about the noise problem and the number of vendor tents. Mr. Phillips stated the Board would be looking at the laws regarding this issue and that action would be taken.

3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Alderman Parham suggested removal of the Qualified School Construction Bonds item. Alderman Joh commented on the progress of the Farmers Market. Vice-Mayor Mallicote gave an update on the fire planning committee, noting that after meeting on June 29th, the issue has been resolved and is budget neutral. There will be a presentation on this topic at the next meeting. Mayor Phillips commended the efforts of this committee. The Vice-Mayor also commented on the new red light camera near Allendale, pointing out that the sign also stated it was a speed camera. Government and Community Relations Director Tim Whaley stated the contractor installed the wrong sign and Deputy Chief Quillin is addressing this with the vendor. There was some discussion on the criteria for speed cameras versus red light cameras. Mayor Phillips requested the Board be notified in advance before new cameras are installed in the future.

4. **AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE.** Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt provided details on this item, noting the low bid came out of Knoxville at 17.1 million dollars and was still more than three million dollars over budget. Mr. McCartt stated that after making a few modifications, staff is now recommending a two phase approach to this project; with phase one involving the site work and phase two being the construction. This scenario would result in only 30-45 days lost on the original contract. There was considerable discussion on the pros and cons of proceeding with this recommendation. Mayor Phillips noted the Board only had until July 10th to accept or reject the bid, but if accepted, then the City would need to come up with the additional 3½ million dollars or down size the project. Another meeting will be scheduled in the next two weeks to discuss this topic specifically.

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(Alderman Shupe arrived during this discussion at 5:05 p.m.)

5. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE JULY 5, 2011 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Donating Two Vehicles to Sullivan County-Bluff City-Kingsport Animal Control Center, Inc. (AF: 174-2011). Mayor Phillips asked if the City was still donating old school buses to Sullivan County. Comptroller Lisa Winkle stated that we had to receive the new buses first.

~~VI.D.5 Consideration of a Resolution Setting the FY12 Fees and Charges Provided for in the City Code~~ (AF: 179-2011). This agenda item was pulled.

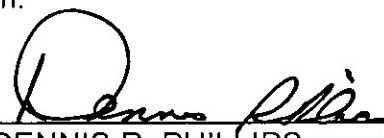
VI.D.7 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept the Donation of an Amphitheater on the Allandale Campus from the Friends of Allandale (AF: 87-2011). Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt provided details on this project and answered questions from the board members. He stated this would be a great venue for a concert, symphony or wedding, especially once the canopy is added. The only portion the City is committed to is the parking lot, which will be an item in the capital improvement budget in the future. City Manager Campbell noted the area could accommodate 1,000 to 1,500 people.

BOARD COMMENT. Mayor Phillips pointed out the reception downstairs in the lobby immediately following the work session. Alderman Joh stated she may have to leave the regular business meeting tonight a few minutes early.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

6. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder


DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor